

CLAIMS

1. A folding portable terminal having an operating section case with an operating section and a display section case with a display section that are foldably linked by a hinge mechanism, the hinge mechanism comprising: a first hinge section that disposes in an approximately center portion of the display section case a first rotation axis for rotating the display section case in the folding or opening direction relative to the operating section case; a second hinge section that disposes in an approximately upper end portion of the operating section case a second rotation axis for rotating the operating section case in the folding or opening direction relative to the display section case in parallel with the first rotation axis; and linking means for linking both ends of the first rotation axis and both ends of the second rotation axis, respectively, the folding portable terminal being able to be folded by the hinge mechanism such that the display section is not opposed to the operating section.

2. The folding portable terminal of claim 1, wherein either or both of the display section and the operating section can be folded outward.

3. The folding portable terminal of claim 1 or 2, wherein the operating section case comprises imaging means on a surface

provided with the operating section.

4. The folding portable terminal of claim 1 or 2, wherein the operating section case comprises imaging means on a surface behind the surface provided with the operating section.

5. The folding portable terminal of claim 1 or 2, wherein the operating section case comprises imaging means that can be rotated in the direction of folding or opening the display section case relative to the operating section case on an upper end portion.

6. The folding portable terminal of claim 1 or 2, wherein the display section case comprises imaging means that can be rotated in the direction of folding or opening the display section case relative to the operating section case.

7. The folding portable terminal of any one of claims 1 to 6, comprising operating means for operating the folding portable terminal on a side face of the operating section case or the display section case.